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Sir:


In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, the Examiner is referred to the English Abstracts attached hereto. Applicant notes that JP 6-141129 corresponds with U.S. Patent Nos. 5,477,047 and 5,556,809.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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